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TAGS: OEXC VE(WRIGHT, WINTHROP R.)

SUBJ: LECTURER ON US. HISTORY

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 0753

1. SINCE WRIGHT HAS NOT RECEIVED SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR SEMINAR, HE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING FORMAT AS IT OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO COVER MANY DIVERSE THEMES AND TOPICS. HE HAS DEVELOPED THE SEMINAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS; PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE. WRIGHT SAYS HE IS COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE AND THAT THERE IS AMPLE TIME TO MAKE CHANGES DESIRED BY THE POST.

2. ALTHOUGH HE HAS ARRANGED THE COURSES ALONG CHRONOLOGICAL LINES, HE PLANS TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF METHODOLOGY OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH AND METHODS OF TEACHING HISTORY. ACCORDING TO WRIGHT, THESE QUESTIONS WILL PROVIDE THE THREADS THAT TIE TOGETHER THE CHRONOLOGICAL PERIODS LISTED BELOW. THE READINGS OF "A COMPARATIVE APPROACH TO AMERICAN HISTORY" ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE THE PARTICIPANTS A COMMON BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. MONDAY, APRIL 29: THE INDEPENDENCE PERIOD AND MAKING OF A NATION, 1776-1820, CHAPS. 1-5.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29: THE MIDDLE PERIOD AND THE CIVIL WAR, 1820-1865, CHAPS. 6-10.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30: RECONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, UNCLASSIFIED

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1865-1900, CHAPS. 11-15.

THURSDAY, MAY 1: WORLD WAR ONE AND THE US., 1900-1930, CHAPS.

16-20.

FRIDAY, MAY 2: FROM THE GREAT DEPRESSION TO THE COLD WAR,

1930-1975, CHAPS. 21-24.

4. WRIGHT WOULD CONSIDER IT HELPFUL TO HAVE THE TITLES OF
FILMS THE POST PLANS TO USE. USIS-CARACAS ALSO PREPARED TO LEND
SUITABLE FILMS FOR SEMINARS USE. WRIGHT PLANS TO DEMONSTRATE
THE USE OF FILM
AS A TEACHING DEVICE, AND WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE USE OF
ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS AND FIELD TRIPS.

5. WRIGHT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.

ETA FOLLOWS.

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